

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 10, second to last line with "A plurality" and ending at page 11, line 18 with "or the like." as set forth below:

A plurality of holes, bores, apertures or the like 30 is disposed along the body 22. The holes 30 extend along a posterior portion of the frame body 22 toward the anterior portion (vertical section 28) of the frame body 22. The plurality of holes may be situated anywhere. As such, the plurality of holes 30 may be formed as one or more rows of holes, sets of holes, various pairs of holes (e.g. diametrically opposed pairs of holes), or other configurations or holes. While the holes 30 are depicted in Fig. 1 as formed in essentially two rows extending along the two side portions and the posterior portion of the frame, it should be appreciated that it is not necessary for the holes 30 to be in any particular pattern or formation. It is advantageous to locate the holes 30 in strategic positions with regard to typical foot/ankle fixation members and/or techniques. The holes 30 may be disposed in pre-determined patterns based on typical foot/ankle anatomy. Certain frames may be provided with holes in only particular strategic locations that correspond to typical fixation configurations and/or techniques. A pattern such as that shown, though, allows precise alignment and anchoring of tension wires from and relative to the frame by the physician for foot/ankle fixation. Each bore 30 is adapted, configured and/or operative to receive and retain a twist-on wire ~~nut~~ connector or the like (not

shown in Fig. 1) that is designed to releasably retain a portion (such as an end) of a fixation member such as a tension wire, olive wire or the like.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 15, line 13 with "The body 42" and ending at page 15, line 20 with "frame component 20." as set forth below:

The body 42 includes a plurality of bores 56 each one of which preferably, but not necessarily, extend through the body section 44. The openings of each bore 56 is defined in a recess, trough, channel or the like 54 (an opposite recess of which cannot be seen in Fig. 2). The recess 56 is sized to have fixation posts, twist-on wire nuts connectors or the like that are disposed thereon maintain a low profile and/or be below the surface of the recess 56. The cross bar 40 is configured to be immovably, but releasably, fixed in a particular angular orientation and/or in a particular rotational orientation relative to the anterior of the frame component 20.